

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (original) Dowel (1) for the assembly of an insulating plate (2) on a  
2 substructure (3) having a pressing plate (13) and a dowel sleeve (15) attached  
to said pressing plate (13) for taking up an expansion element (11) having an  
4 expansion element head (12), wherein the dowel sleeve (15) comprises an  
expansion zone (18),  
6 **characterized by**  
cutting devices (17) at the lower side of pressing plate (13) at the circumference  
8 of said pressing plate for cutting in the insulating plate (2) during pulling in of  
pressing plate (13) into the insulating plate (2) under simultaneous compression  
10 of said insulating plate (2).
2. (original) Dowel according to claim 1, **characterized by** a pressing plate (13)  
2 having a pressing plate shaft (14) attached therewith, wherein the pressing  
plate shaft (14) and the dowel sleeve (15) can be axially shifted against each  
4 other.
3. (canceled)
4. (currently amended) Dowel according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~, claim 1  
2 **characterized in that** the pressing plate (13) includes an engagement device,  
in which the expansion element (11) can engage.
5. (original) Dowel according to one of the preceding claims, **characterized in**  
2 **that** the dowel sleeve (15) comprises an anti-twist device against twisting of the  
dowel sleeve (15) within the bore-hole (4).

6. (original) Method for the assembly of an insulating plate (2) on a substructure (3) by means of a dowel (1) having a pressing plate (13) and a dowel sleeve (15) attached to said pressing plate (13) for taking up an expansion element (11) having an expansion element head (12), wherein the dowel sleeve (15) comprises an expansion zone (18), comprising at least the following steps:
- a) drilling of a bore-hole (4) through the insulating plate (2) into the substructure (3),
  - b) inserting the dowel (1) and the expansion element (11) into the bore-hole (4),
  - c) driving in the expansion element (11) into the pressing plate (13) and the dowel sleeve (15) and simultaneously
  - d) pulling in the pressing plate (13) into the insulating plate (2) under compression of the insulating plate (2) and simultaneously cutting in the insulating plate (2) at the circumference of the pressing plate (13) by means of cutting devices (17).
7. (original) Method according to claim 6, **characterized by** a complete pulling in of the pressing plate (13) into the insulating plate (2) in step d) and the further step of:
- e) putting on a covering (21) onto the completely sunk-in pressing plate (13).
8. (original) Method according to claim 6 or 7, **characterized in that** the cutting devices (17) are arranged at the lower side of the pressing plate (13).

- 2 9. (original) Method according to claim 6 or 7, **characterized in that** the cutting  
devices (17) are arranged on a device (30) for driving in the expansion element  
(11).
- 2 10. (original) Device (30) for driving in an expansion element (11) into a dowel (1)  
having a pressing plate (13) for fixing an insulating plate (2) on a substructure  
(3), wherein the device (30) comprises a drive (32, 33) for the engagement into  
4 the expansion element (11),  
**characterized by**  
6 a depth stop (31) having cutting devices (17) for cutting in the insulating plate  
(2) along the circumference of the pressing plate (13).
- 2 11. (original) Method for the assembly of an insulating plate (2) on a substructure  
(3) by means of a dowel (1) having a pressing plate (13), said pressing plate  
(13) having an outer radius R and a dowel sleeve (15) attached to said pressing  
4 plate (13) for taking up an expansion element (11) having an expansion  
element head (12) wherein the dowel sleeve (15) comprises an expansion zone  
6 (18), the method comprising at least the following steps:
- 8 a) drilling of a bore-hole (4) through the insulating plate (2) into the  
substructure (3)  
10 b) cutting in a circle with at least the radius R into the insulating plate (2)  
by means of cutting devices (42),  
12 c) inserting the dowel (1) and the expansion element (11) into the bore-  
hole (4),  
14 d) driving in the expansion element (11) into the pressing plate (13) and  
the dowel sleeve (15) and simultaneously

- 16 e) pulling in the pressing plate (13) into the insulating plate (2) under  
compression of the insulating plate (2).
12. (original) Method according to claim 11, **characterized in that** step b) is carried  
2 out previous to step a).
13. (original) Method according to claim 11, **characterized in that** the steps a.) and  
2 b.) are carried out simultaneously.
14. (original) Method according one of the claims 11 to 13, **characterized by** a  
2 complete pulling in of the pressing plate (13) into the insulating plate (2) and the  
further step of:  
4
- f) putting on a covering (21) onto the completely sunk-in pressing plate  
6 (13).
15. (currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claims 11,  
2 12, or 13 **characterized in that** the cutting devices (42) comprise a depth stop  
(41).
16. (original) Device (40) for drilling a bore-hole (4) through an insulating plate (2) into  
2 a substructure (3) having a shaft (44') for inserting a drill adapter,  
**characterized in that**  
4 the shaft (44') is formed in such a way that cutting devices (42) for cutting in a  
circle into the insulating plate (2) can be arranged at said shaft (44').
17. (original) Device according to claim 16, **characterized in that** the cutting devices  
2 (42) comprise a depth stop (41).

18. (original) Device (40) for drilling a bore-hole (4) through an insulating plate (2) into  
2 a substructure (3) having a drill shaft (44), **characterized in that** cutting devices  
(42) for cutting in a circle into the insulating plate (2) can be arranged at said drill  
4 shaft (44).
19. (original) Device according to claim 18, **characterized in that** the cutting devices  
2 (42) comprise a depth stop (41).
20. (original) Cutting devices (42) for cutting in a circle into an insulating plate (2),  
2 **characterized in that**  
they are formed in such a way that they can be mounted on a device (40) for  
4 drilling a bore-hole (4) through an insulating plate (2) into a  
substructure (3).
21. (original)) Cutting devices according to claim 20, **characterized in that** the  
2 cutting devices (42) comprise a depth stop (41).

22. (new) Dowel according to claim 1, **characterized in that** the pressing plate (13)  
2 comprises a recess (19) for the engagement of a drive (32, 33).
23. (new) Dowel according to claim 2, **characterized in that** the pressing plate (13)  
2 comprises a recess (19) for the engagement of a drive (32, 33).
24. (new) Dowel according to claim 22, characterized in that the pressing plate (13)  
2 includes an engagement device, in which the expansion element (11) can engage.
25. (new) Dowel according to claim 23, **characterized in that** the pressing plate (13)  
2 includes an engagement device, in which the expansion element (11) can engage.
26. (new) Dowel according to claims 1, 2, 22, 23, 24 or 25, **characterized in that** the  
2 dowel sleeve (15) comprises an anti-twist device against twisting of the dowel  
sleeve (15) within the bore-hole (4).
27. (new) Method according to claim 14 **characterized in that** the cutting devices  
2 (42) comprise a depth stop (41).

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, the dependencies of various claims filed in the case originally have been altered to comply with the rule precluding one multiple dependent claim from depending upon another multiple dependent claim. In addition, new claims 23-27 have been added to effectively achieve the same claim format as originally filed but in a form in compliance with such rule.

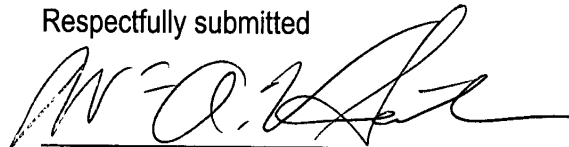
In addition, a disclosure statement is being filed approximately concurrently herewith.

It is believed that the application is now in good form for examination and a report of the examination is awaited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.

Respectfully submitted

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